

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Stefan M. Pulst)
Serial No.: 08/981,998)
Filed: May 11, 1998)
For: NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA-2 AND
PRODUCTS RELATED THERETO)

Group Art Unit: 1653
Examiner: A. Bugaisky

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 16, 1999, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group VI (claims 37 and 41-42), drawn to a second method of use, hybridization and/or amplification with the oligonucleotides of Group II. Applicants' Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restrictions in this case and submit that the inventions as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 15th day of July, 1999.

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